

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-22
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued November 21, 2000)

On November 7, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed a fifth amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement. The fifth amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for line sharing. The proceeding to review the amendments is identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22. The Utilities Board (Board), on December 15, 1997, approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of the amendments is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

The parties to the negotiation or any interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendments within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments filed on or before December 7, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or

reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment within 90 days of the submission, or the agreement or amendment will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review Amendment No. 5 to the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on November 7, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22.
2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the amended agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before December 7, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of November, 2000.